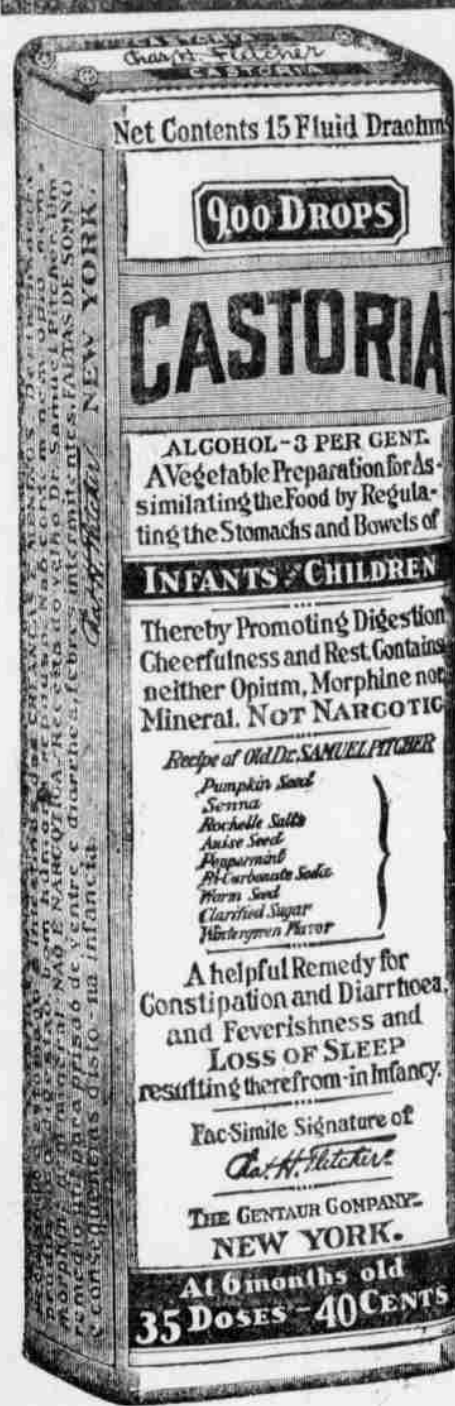


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AROUND TOWN

...BY OBSERVER...

Evidence of the fact that the old social barrier which has existed between the people of the rural districts and those of the towns in past generations is rapidly becoming a thing of the past is apparent. The great world war was a prime factor in this respect. The young manhood of the Nation were thrown together in camp, on the high seas, in the trenches, on the firing line, in the charge, in the rescue. Our boys from the rural districts, from the towns and from the cities stood shoulder to shoulder as they formed a strong line of defence against the arch enemy of liberty. The old social barrier gave way as they learned to know each other better. New ties of friendship were formed that will live forever.

The fading of this old barrier from a local standpoint was clearly demonstrated during the recent tent meeting in Camden when the out-of-town people were received with open arms and made to feel welcome.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Camden is doing much to bring about such a very desirable consummation. These good women of the town secured and furnished a restroom at the court house. Such an arrangement has added much to the comfort of other women while they are in town. It is here they come in contact with women of the town. Acquaintances are formed. The women from the farm are finding that the women of the town are good people to know and the town women are beginning to feel the same way about the women from the country.

And so the old line that has existed so long is being rubbed out and in its place a spirit of understanding and helpfulness is springing up, which is one of the hopeful signs of the times. It means, too, a happier and more contented womanhood in Benton County.

When it was proposed to build what is termed the Memphis-to-Bristol Highway, the plan was ridiculed by some of our citizens, who regarded the idea as visionary. "It will never be built," says one. "It will never come through Benton County" and "I'll believe it when I see it," said others.

If you are still inclined to be skeptical go and take a peek and see for yourself just what is being done between Camden and Tennessee River on what is known as Federal Aid Project No. 9, where the State and Federal Government will expend nearly \$90,000 on highway construction.

Beginning at the culvert on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway near the home of Drew White (the Daniel Holland place) a new highway has been opened to the old gravel pit and is graded part way. A steam shovel is in operation at the pit, cutting down the obstruction there, and the gravel (Camden chert) thus removed is being spread east of Bivens' Hill, where the contractors are doing fine work. A concrete culvert will span the dell east of the pit. When completed the new highway will be almost a straight line from Bivens' Hill to the railway culvert.

Coming east from Huntingdon the highway is completed to Rosser. A short gap exists in Humphreys County. The gap between

OIL STRUCK OVER IN STEWART COUNTY

Camden and Huntingdon will be closed ere the snow flies in 1922. When the construction work now under way and to be inaugurated in Benton, Carroll and Humphreys is finished we will have a first-class highway from Memphis to Nashville. There are a few gaps to be closed between Chattanooga and Knoxville.

The Memphis-to-Bristol Highway is a sure thing. And that is not all that can be said. We are told that the State of Tennessee has now under construction over 500 miles of highway. And that reminds us, all this highway construction was made possible by what is known as the Stockard Bill, enacted into a law by the General Assembly of Tennessee when Robert L. Stockard was Senator from this district.

DENVER, COL.

Denver, Col., September 22, 1921. —Dear Editor The Chronicle: As we have just received a copy of the dear old home paper, will say that we enjoyed it so much, and I can't resist writing just a few words to express our thanks to the sender of The Chronicle. It was very kind of you to remember us so far away.

We have received a number of letters of inquiry about Denver and Colorado in general, and I will adopt this method of replying. Denver is the industrial center of the West. It is the youngest of the country's large cities and its 1920 population was 256,369.

Denver is a progressive city, famous for its many parks, a civic center. More departments of the United States Government are located here than in any city outside of Washington, D. C. It is the site of a United States Mint, a large army hospital, the army's newest institution for the care of sick soldiers, which cost \$5,000,000, and includes 100 buildings. Its public school system is of the highest standing. A recent census showed 317 churches in Denver. The city has no slums. It has long been known as a health resort, and has a right to the name. It has excellent sanitariums and hospitals. Is called the mile high city, its altitude being just one mile above the level of the sea. It is situated 14 miles from the range of the Rocky Mountains.

We have no extremely cold weather in winter; cold nights the year round.

There is sunshine in Denver 296 days of the year. Workers and laborers are inspired by its opportunities to own their own homes. Pleasant living conditions make them permanent, contented workmen.

We have each year thousands of tourists from every State in the Union. We can go to the mountains in a very short time by trolley. I have visited Buffalo Bill's grave several times. It is on the summit of Mount Lookout.

I visited Colorado Springs and Manitau last week. Went up three miles on Pike's Peak. We can see snow the year round. The Pike's Peak region is surely wonderful. We also visited the "Garden of the Gods."

We have the best of drinking water piped down from the snow-

Attorney W. I. Leegan of Big Sandy was in Camden Saturday. He stated that he was just from Stewart County, where he inspected the well being drilled near the mouth of Big Sandy River. That it was 535 feet deep at present and oil was standing 230 feet deep in the well.

The location referred to is 20 miles north of Big Sandy, the nearest railroad point, and quiet close to the Benton County line. Our people will take considerable pride in our section of West Tennessee producing the first oil of consequence.

Several geologists have given very careful attention to Benton County and have pronounced the geological conditions favorable for the production of petroleum. Mr. Spotwood a geologist of Nashville is in Camden completing his examination of the section of the county contiguous to Camden.

RAMBLE CREEK.

Preaching at this place on next Sunday.

Jesse Nobles has returned from Cleveland, Ohio.

Uncle J. D. Brewer is seriously ill at this writing.

John Brewer and family have been visiting on Sulphur Creek.

Mrs. Margaret Stem spent the week-end with Mrs. Ella Benton.

Herlie and Ed and Mrs. Sallie Brewer left Saturday for Memphis.

A protracted meeting begins at Cedar Grove the fifth Sunday in October.

Miss Minnie Herndon has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Grace McDaniel, at Paris.

L. L. Watson and family and E. T. Barnes and family went to the river Sunday.

Victor Redmond and Miss Irene Shroat were quietly married Saturday. They have many friends who wish them well.

A WARNING.

Just at this season of the year, when the schools are in progress, every possible care should be exercised by our County Board of Health in safeguarding the general public. The State Board of Health advises us that diphtheria and scarlet fever are prevalent in Tennessee. We published an article last week on diphtheria. The same advice should be followed where scarlet fever makes its appearance.

clad mountains. This is a fine farming country, the principle crops being sugar beets and alfalfa.

This has been a great year for watermelons and vegetables. It's a fine fruit country. The nicest apples I ever saw are grown here. The sugar campaign has opened up and the factories are running full force.

Well, readers, I thought when I begun this I would write a short letter, and here I have written more than I intended to. So wishing the editor and all readers the best of luck I will close.

Yours respectfully,
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